



## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 16, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1740 West Adams Street, Suite 410  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened on November 16, 2012 at the ADDPC offices. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC, guests and staff.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

John Black  
Will Humble  
Ed Myers

David Copins  
William Kirwan  
Karla Phillips

Madeline Corzine  
Ray Morris  
Melissa Van Hook

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE**

Susie Cannata  
John Eckhardt  
Matt McMahon  
Rosemarie Strout

Leslie Cohen  
Marv Lamer  
Charles Ryan  
Tom Uno

Dave Cutty  
Tim Martin  
Elmer Saufkie

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Monica Cooper

Joyce Millard Hoie

Sherry Klein

### **GUESTS**

Jennifer Alewelt, Arizona Center for Disability Law  
Rita Aitken, Az Dept. of Health Services (ADHS) Office for Children with Special Needs  
Dr. Skip Brown, Traaen & Associates  
Lorraine Freyer, Arizona Center for Disability Law  
Austin Rector, Special Olympics Arizona  
David Reno, PSA Art Awakenings  
Sharri Runnels, Spina Bifida Association of Arizona  
Isaac Sanft, Special Olympics Arizona  
Teri Traaen, Traaen & Associates

### **ADDPC STAFF PRESENT**

Larry Clausen  
Michael Leyva

Marcella Crane  
Shelly Adams

Lani St. Cyr  
Velvet Williams, *intern*

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Humble welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with 19 Council members in attendance at the time achieving quorum. Around the room and teleconference introductions were given by all in attendance. The Council member reappointments for Ed Myers, David Copins, Monica Cooper, Leslie Cohen and William Kirwan were announced. New Council member introductions were given by Melissa Van Hook and Ray Morris. Notice was given pertaining to unscheduled breaks after the consent agenda and there was a conflict of interest by Ed Myers for agenda item C, Consent Agenda.

### **Meeting Requests**

Council members were asked for a timely response to meeting requests for suggested meeting dates and times and to please let Shelly Adams know if you will be attending meetings in person or via teleconference so the staff can prepare the meeting room and handout items accordingly.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was presented to the Council for consideration. The Agenda contained the following item:

- September 9, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes

Discussion was held requesting to review the last meeting's audio recording to add the discussion of having brown bag lunch meetings for the public on a quarterly basis to update on current issues.

- A motion was made by Matt McMahon to approve the minutes as written.
- The motion was seconded by John Black.
- 17 approving votes were cast with no opposing votes. Ed Myers and Karla Phillips did not vote.
- The motion carried.

### **Fiscal Summary**

Lani St. Cyr, Fiscal Manager, presented the fiscal summary and noted the following: the current projects and Council funds were reviewed and will be further detailed in upcoming standing committee retreats in February 2013. We were able to fully expend the federal fiscal year 2010 grant and fully obligate the 2011 grant. For the 2012 grant, we have until September 30, 2013 to encumber the remaining \$1,073,940 and this should not be a challenge as current projects come up for renewal. We received our first award allotment for 2013 of \$720,053 and the total award is anticipated to be at the 2012 levels.

Discussion was held pertaining possible sequestration in January 2013. Sequestration would question the balance of 2014. The American Association on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) has informed the Council that the potential cuts is unknown at this time and more information should be available by the end of December 2012.

Presentations were given to the Council members by the following with supporting documents on the ADDPC website [www.azedes.gov/ADDPC](http://www.azedes.gov/ADDPC) under the Newsroom/Meeting Notices & Info tab under archived content:

### **Traaen & Associates**

Presentation was given by Teri Traaen about what will be happening during the upcoming 2013 legislative session and how the information will be shared with the Council. Their proposed approach will focus on the Council's State Plan Goal areas of self-advocacy, integrated employment and empowerment through information, communicating the needs of citizens in the developmentally disabled community and the availability for resource and education support. The Council was updated on visits to state legislators that are occurring along with prospective ongoing visits that are being planned prior to the 2013 legislative session. The focus of visits are the needs and issues affecting persons with developmental disabilities in Arizona. Direction was requested for the Council's recommendations for meaningful reporting to the Council and provided several examples for consideration.

Discussion was held to also provide in a generic format for the community to easily understand on our website. Suggestion was made to provide an example of legislative bills in an easy-to-understand language under the sponsorship column in an understandable format and avoid editorial review. Make the website page a user-friendly format with the ability to respond immediately with links directing you to the appropriate individual. Suggestion was made to have an individual not familiar with reports to test the new concept for their opinion.

Create a link to the state website to learn how to respond to their own legislative representative in their district to get more people involved in the process. Communications from constituents is very important to the Council. Suggestion made to direct Council staff to inform self-

advocates be available to speak during the sessions and possibly attend the individual meetings with the legislators and Traaen & Associates.

Suggestion was made to provide a disclaimer on reports that they are subject to change. Consider adding the Arizona Republic self-advocate article on Clinton Gody for the right to vote and the willingness to be employed.

- A motion was made by Charles Ryan for the following recommendations for reporting subject to further revisions:
  - ✓ Narrative must be in plain language and easy to understand.
  - ✓ Have a second or third reader for every report that is created to make sure it is easy to understand.
  - ✓ The pros and the cons of the bill must be stated factually.
  - ✓ Sponsor names attached to the bill to be hyperlinked so readers can contact legislator directly.
  - ✓ Create a master list of legislators statewide hyperlinked so readers can contact from their district.
  - ✓ Add a disclaimer to weekly editions that information is current and subject to change.
  - ✓ Have a definition page/glossary of language used in reports.
- The motion was seconded by Will Humble.
- William Kirwan did not vote.
- The motion carried.

### **Integrated Employment Standing Committee Update**

John Black, Committee Chairperson, updated the Council on the committee's current one year project and partnerships:

- Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) to provide training and support to the individuals with autism spectrum disorder in establishing a Home-Baked Goods business along with the Home Baked & Confectionary Goods Program through the Department of Health Services. SARRC is currently recruiting and will train a minimum of 30 individuals (8 per quarter) and their support team and provide the Council a report on a quarterly basis. SARRC is developing a press release to distribute.
- Suggestion was made to inform Michelle Yee at the Arizona Republic to continue her reporting on this initiative and take photos for an article.
- Project SEARCH in Maricopa County has a group of interns at Medtronic. The first rotation will begin November 19<sup>th</sup> and the staff attended the Open House and met with Laura Schweers and we anticipate this being a very successful project.

### **Arizona Center for Disability Law**

Presentations were given by Jennifer Alewelt, Staff Attorney and Lorraine Freyer, Executive Assistant about the Legal Options project and Project Vote.

During the second year of the Legal Options grant the manual was edited and changes were made geared towards making the formatting of the manual more accessible and easier to read. The Legal Options training was also modified accordingly and trainings on the Legal Options Manual continued during the second year of the grant. While the shell of each training was the same, the training allowed for flexibility and as a result, allowing attendees to focus on areas of concern. Trainings were held in Chinle, Hotevilla, Parker, Safford, Winslow and Yuma in 2011 and Yuma, Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Casa Grande in 2012.

Project Vote 2012 trainings were held in Lake Havasu City and Safford. Candidate Forums were held in Lake Havasu City and Safford.

### **Healthy Athletes Program**

Presentation was given by Isaac Sanft, Director of Support Programs with Special Olympics Arizona about the following Special Olympics programs:

- Fit Feet
- Special Smiles Dentistry
- Lions Club International Opening Eyes Vision
- Healthy Hearing Audiology
- FUNfitness Physical Therapy
- MedFest Sports Physical Exam
- Health Promotion Better Health and Well-Being
- the recent success of the Healthy Athletes program and the steps to better health
- Health Lessons
- Practical Interactive Learning and Family Involvement

Presentation was then given by Austin Rector, State Youth Activation Committee Member about the following Special Olympics programs:

- Project UNIFY
- Unified Sports
- Benefits for the Athletes & Partners
- Youth Activation
- Fans in the Stands
- Spread the Word to End the "R" Word Campaign

### **Self-Advocacy Standing Committee Update**

Tom Uno, Committee Chairperson and Marcella Crane, staff liaison, updated the Council on the committee's current projects and partnerships.

- The committee has an approved project for \$11,270 with the Northern Arizona University Institute for Human Development to do a research project on self-advocacy groups in Arizona. The research will focus on capacity, strength, location, board memberships, and fundraising. The research will begin in January and be held for approximately five months with a staff to include an intern. This research information will be beneficial before we issue a solicitation/request for grant application for Self-Advocacy to build an alliance that will help support the Council's goal. The committee will be working with the Council staff to define the groups that will be researched.

### **Building a D.R.E.A.M. Job Fair (Disability & Rehabilitation Employment Awareness Month)**

Presentation was given by Velvet Williams, Council intern on the Council's participation on October 18, 2012 at the Building a D.R.E.A.M. Job Fair held at Gateway Community College.

This event was focused exclusively on those with disabilities and their needs. There were nine organizations that coordinated the event, 39 businesses participated and 362 participants attended. The Council will be following up on the application and hiring successes.

Suggestions for future job fairs:

- Incorporate technology by uploading resumes during the registration process and possibly have admission to the event an hour early.
- Check in to event via Facebook and utilize Twitter for feedback.
- Host an Application Day that will allow those who participated in the job fair to fill out applications for positions for those that might need assistance.

The Council would like to see more government agencies participate and have more employers participate next year. The Untapped Arizona project will also focus on future participation.

A suggestion was made to contact the following organizations:

- Arizona Small Business Association
- State and Local Government
- International Personal Management Association for Human Resource Professionals
- Local Society for Human Resource Management, private sector employers
- Consortium of all Arizona Universities Human Resource Professionals
- Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation at Gateway Community College

### **Art Awakenings**

Presentation was given by David Reno, Marketing and Communication Relations Manager and two art students shared their experiences in the art program. PSA Art Awakenings is a program of the People Service Action (PSA) Behavioral Health Agency promoting empowerment and recovery through the power of creative expression with adults and youth who face behavioral health challenges. A video was then shared as profiled on KPNX Channel 12 and can be found on their website [www.psaartawakenings.org](http://www.psaartawakenings.org).

### **Postsecondary Education Project**

Presentation was given by Karla Phillips, Vice-Chairperson on Az Special Higher Education Learning Plans (HELP), a person-centered comprehensive employment support strategy for individuals with developmental disabilities to increase the abyssal unemployment and under-employment rate challenges. Arizona has the opportunity to be a national leader and create the first statewide College Access Program for students with DD.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next full Council meeting date was announced for Friday, February 1, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Call to the Public**

There were no public members present.

### **Adjournment**

- A motion was made by Ed Myers.
- The motion was seconded by Karla Phillips.
- The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.